

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (previously amended) A combination golf bag and golf bag securing strap assembly for attaching a said golf bag to a supporting structure, said strap assembly comprising:

a bag-engaging strap including a bag-engaging strap length adjustment device for continuously adjusting a length of said bag-engaging strap and a releasable coupling device for selectively configuring said strap between a closed loop configuration for engaging said strap around said golf bag and an open loop configuration for disengaging said strap from said golf bag; and

an article-holding strap including:

a first end provided with a first releasable fastener attached to said first end;

a second end provided with a second releasable fastener attached to said second end;

a first article-holding strap length adjustment device for continuously adjusting an overall length of said article-holding strap defined by an amount of overlap of two portions of said article-holding strap; and

a slidable ring slidably disposed on said article-holding strap between said first article-holding strap length adjustment device and said first releasable fastener;

wherein said first releasable fastener is releasably attached to said bag-engaging strap, and wherein said second releasable fastener is provided for releasably attaching said article-holding strap to said supporting structure, and

wherein said second releasable fastener is adapted to be releasably attached to said article-holding strap to permit said article-holding strap to wrap around said supporting structure.

2. (previously amended) The combination golf bag and golf bag securing strap assembly as defined in claim 1, wherein said article-holding strap is attached to said supporting structure by wrapping said second end of said article-holding strap around said supporting structure and releasably attaching said second releasable fastener to said bag-engaging strap.

3. (previously amended) The combination golf bag and golf bag securing strap assembly as defined in claim 1, wherein said article-holding strap is attached to said supporting structure by wrapping said second end of said article-holding strap around said supporting structure and releasably attaching said second releasable fastener to said article-holding strap.

4. (previously amended) The combination golf bag and golf bag securing strap assembly as defined in claim 1, wherein said article-holding strap is attached to said supporting structure by releasably attaching said second releasable fastener thereto.

5. (previously amended) The combination golf bag and golf bag securing strap assembly as defined in claim 1, wherein said bag-engaging strap includes at least one ring member slidably supported by said bag-engaging strap, and wherein said first releasable fastener is releasably attached to said ring member of said bag-engaging strap.

6. (previously amended) The combination golf bag and golf bag securing strap assembly as defined in claim 5, wherein said article-holding strap is attached to said supporting structure by wrapping said second end of said article-holding strap around said supporting structure and releasably attaching said second releasable fastener to said ring member of said bag-engaging strap.

7. (canceled)

8. (previously amended) The combination golf bag and golf bag securing strap assembly as defined in claim 1, wherein said article-holding strap is attached to said supporting structure by wrapping said second end of said article-holding strap around said supporting structure and releasably attaching said second releasable fastener to said ring member of said article-holding strap.

9. (previously amended) The combination golf bag and golf bag securing strap assembly as defined in claim 1, wherein said bag-engaging strap includes a plurality of ring members slidably supported by said bag-engaging strap, and wherein said first releasable fastener is releasably attached to one of said ring member of said bag-engaging strap.

10. (previously amended) The combination golf bag and golf bag securing strap assembly as defined in claim 9, wherein said article-holding strap is attached to said supporting structure by wrapping said second end of said article-holding strap around said supporting structure and releasably attaching said second releasable fastener to one of said ring members of said bag engaging strap.

11. (canceled)

12. (previously amended) The combination golf bag and golf bag securing strap assembly as defined in claim 1, wherein said supporting structure is a bar member provided on a golf cart.

13. (previously amended) The combination golf bag and golf bag securing strap assembly as defined in claim 5, wherein said ring member of said bag-engaging strap is a D-ring.

14. (previously amended) The combination golf bag and golf bag securing strap assembly as defined in claim 7, wherein said ring member of said article-holding strap is a D-ring.

15. (previously amended) The combination golf bag and golf bag securing strap assembly as defined in claim 9, wherein said ring member of said bag-engaging strap is a D-ring.

16. (previously amended) The combination golf bag and golf bag securing strap assembly as defined in claim 1, wherein said first and second releasable fasteners are snap hooks.

17. (previously amended) The combination golf bag and golf bag securing strap assembly as defined in claim 1, wherein said bag-engaging strap further including a first strap length adjustment device for adjusting a length of said bag-engaging strap.

18. (previously amended) The combination golf bag and golf bag securing strap assembly as defined in claim 1, wherein said article-holding strap further including a second strap length adjustment device for adjusting a length of said article-holding strap.

19. (previously amended) The combination golf bag and golf bag securing strap assembly as defined in claim 1, wherein said bag-engaging strap further including a plurality of eyelets slidably supported by said bag-engaging strap for attaching auxiliary items.

20. (previously amended) The combination golf bag and golf bag securing strap assembly as defined in claim 19, wherein at least one of said eyelets is provided with a releasable fastener for attaching said auxiliary items thereto.

21. (previously amended) The combination golf bag and golf bag securing strap assembly as defined in claim 20, wherein said releasable fastener is a snap hook.

22. (currently amended) A combination bag and securing strap assembly for attaching said bag to a supporting structure, said strap assembly comprising:

an article-engaging strap including a first strap-length adjustment device for continuously adjusting a length of said article-engaging strap and a releasable coupling device at each end of said article-engaging strap for selectively configuring said strap between a closed loop configuration for engaging said strap around said bag and an open loop configuration for disengaging said strap from said bag, said article-engaging strap continuously extends around said closed loop and terminates at said releasable coupling device; and

an article-holding strap including:

a first end provided with a first releasable fastener attached to said first end;

a second end provided with a second releasable fastener attached to said second end;

and

a first article-holding strap length adjustment device for continuously adjusting an overall length of said article-holding strap, said overall length being defined by an amount of overlap of two portions of said article-holding strap;

wherein said ~~first second~~ releasable fastener is releasably attached to said ~~article-engaging~~ ~~article-holding~~ strap through a slidable ring disposed between said first article-holding strap length adjustment device and said first releasable fastener, and

wherein said article-holding strap selectively and releasably engages said supporting

structure in one of a first position wherein said second end is wrapped around said supporting structure and said second releasable fastener is releasably attached to said article-engaging strap, a second position wherein said second end is wrapped around said supporting structure and said second releasable fastener is releasably attached to said article-holding strap, and a third position wherein said second releasable fastener is releasably attached to said supporting structure, and wherein said slidable ring is adapted to slide along an entire length of said article-engaging strap.

23. (previously added) The combination golf bag and golf bag securing strap assembly as defined in claim 1, further comprising a second article-holding strap length adjustment device for continuously adjusting an overall length of said article-holding strap, said overall length being defined by an amount of overlap of two additional portions of said article-holding strap.

24. (previously added) The combination golf bag and golf bag securing strap assembly as defined in claim 23, wherein said slidable ring is slidably disposed on said article-holding strap between said first and second article-holding strap length adjustment devices.

25. (previously added) The combination golf bag and golf bag securing strap assembly as defined in claim 22, further comprising a second article-holding strap length adjustment device for continuously adjusting an overall length of said article-holding strap, said overall length being defined by an amount of overlap of two additional portions of said article-holding strap.

26. (previously added) The combination golf bag and golf bag securing strap assembly as defined in claim 25, wherein said slidable ring is slidably disposed on said article-holding strap between said first and second article-holding strap length adjustment devices.